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Book Review. Hieromonk Damascene. Herman of Alaska Brotherhood, Platina, California, Father Seraphim Rose: His Life and Works, pages.
Hieromonk Damascene, a member of the St. Herman of Alaska Brotherhood has written a monolithic text on the life and work of Father Seraphim Rose.

This book traces the religious journey of Father Seraphim Rose. Father Seraphim was born and raised outside the Holy Orthodox Church. He grew to love the Holy Orthodox Church and to be a founder of the monastic community known as St.

Herman of Alaska Brotherhood. Father Seraphim came to be a writer and publisher of Orthodox literature known not only in America but far reaches of the globe. This book speaks about the simplicity of life style at Platina, the hardships of founding the monastic community and the very serious commitment to learning and living the Orthodox Christian life.

The size of the book reflects the extensive interest Father Damascene has in the life Father Seraphim Rose: His Life and Works Father Seraphim. The content of the book is structured in short readable chapters. The love of Christ, the richness of the Orthodox Church comes alive in the pages.

This book is proof that seekers for the truth, seekers desiring to fill the Father Seraphim Rose: His Life and Works of the soul, will come to Orthodox Christian communities seriously devoted to, proclaiming and following Christ. Readers of this book will be exposed to information not only about St.

Herman of Alaska Monastery, but of other Orthodox monasteries in America. A perspective is established on certain relationships existing among these communities. Individuals interested in St. John Maximovitch will find ample references. Well-functioning Orthodox monasteries Father Seraphim Rose: His Life and Works much to offer.

The St. Herman of Alaska Monastery is not only a place to go to learn about Orthodox Christianity but is also a prolific publisher of Orthodox literature.

The importance of publishing nourishing Orthodox literature receives considerable treatment in this volume. The serious side of Orthodoxy is apparent in Father Damascene's writing. The joy of Orthodoxy also is apparent. The peace, contentment, and fulfillment Father Seraphim experienced as he lived out his life as an Orthodox Christian is revealed.

Orthodox believers make a very worthy investment when they take time to read this writing by Father Damascene. Father Rodney Torbic. Serbian Orthodox Church. Powered by Orthodox Web Solutions. Home Back Top.

Simplicity - Chapter 87 from Father Seraphim Rose: His Life and Works

Herman of Alaska Monastery in Platina, California. He translated Orthodox Christian texts and authored several works some of them considered polemical. His writings have been credited with helping to spread Orthodox Christianity throughout the West; his Father Seraphim Rose: His Life and Works equally extended to Russia itself, where his works were secretly reproduced and distributed by samizdat during the Communist era, remaining popular today.

Rose's opposition to Father Seraphim Rose: His Life and Works participation in the ecumenical movement and his advocacy of the contentious "toll house teaching", led him into conflict with some notable figures in 20th-century Orthodoxy and he remains controversial in some quarters even after his sudden death from an undiagnosed intestinal disorder in However, Orthodox Christians hold him in high esteem, venerating him in iconography liturgy and prayer though he has not yet been formally canonized by any Orthodox synod.

Rose's monastery is currently affiliated with the Serbian Orthodox Church and continues to carry on his work of publishing and Orthodox missionary activity. In addition to being a businesswoman, Esther was a California artist who specialized in impressionist renderings of Pacific coast scenes. Raised in San Diego, Eugene would remain a Californian the rest of his life. His older sister was Eileen Rose Busby[2] an author, Mensa member, and antiques expert; his older brother was Frank Rose, a local businessman.

Though Rose was described by one biographer as a "natural athlete" in Father Seraphim Rose: His Life and Works youth, he did not engage seriously in sport. Baptized in Father Seraphim Rose: His Life and Works Methodist church when he was 14 years old, Rose later rejected Christianity for atheism. After graduating from San Diego High School he attended Pomona College where he studied Chinese philosophy and graduated magna cum laude in While at Pomona, he was a reader for Ved Mehtaa blind student who would go on to become a well known author.

He read with such clarity that I almost had the illusion that he was explaining things. In addition to a gift for languages, Rose was known for possessing an acute sense of humor and wit.

Shien emphasized the ancient Chinese approach to learning, valuing traditional viewpoints and texts over more modern Father Seraphim Rose: His Life and Works. Inspired by Shien, Rose took up the study of ancient Chinese so that he could read early Tao texts in their original tongue. Though he had previously focused on Eastern religions, Rose's spiritual journey led him back to Christianity and into the Russian Orthodox Church, partly as a result of his friendship with Jon Gregerson.

He quickly distinguished himself to the bishop of San Francisco, St. John Maximovitch as a serious and studious convert. In Archbishop John blessed Rose and his new friend, Gleb Podmoshensky, a Russian Orthodox seminarian, to form a community of Orthodox booksellers and publishers, the St.

Herman of Alaska Brotherhood. In the brotherhood founded the St. Herman Press publishing house, which still exists. Increasingly drawn to a more reclusive lifestyle, Rose's community ultimately decided to leave the city for the northern California wilderness, where Rose and Podmoshensky became monks in and transformed the Saint Herman of Alaska Brotherhood into a full-fledged monastic community.

Rose's parents provided the down payment for a mountaintop near the isolated hamlet of Platina where Rose and some friends built a monastery

named for St.

Herman of Alaska. At his tonsure in October Rose took the name "Seraphim" after St. Seraphim of Sarov. He wrote, translated and studied for the priesthood in his cell, a one-roomed cabin with neither running water nor electricity where he would spend the rest of his days. He was ordained in by Bishop Nektary of Seattle spiritual son of St. Nectarius of Optina the last of the great Optina staretsy.

In his ministry, Rose spoke frequently of an "Orthodoxy of the Heart", which he saw as increasingly absent in American ecclesiastical life. He also spoke of the need for warmth and kindness of the spirit, especially when dealing with those with whom one disagreed, an increasing problem in Eastern Orthodoxy in America, and its conflict between so-called "traditionalists" and "modernists".

One can be firm, Rose insisted, without having to compromise basic Christian teachings on loving kindness, suffering and mercy toward others. Using a hand-cranked printing press at his Geary Boulevard bookstore, Rose founded the bimonthly magazine *The Orthodox Word* in January; this periodical is still published on modern presses today. He translated and printed Fr. Michael Pomazansky's *Orthodox Father Seraphim Rose: His Life and Works* Theology which remains a text for clerical students and laymen alike.

Rose translated his books into Russian and they were circulated widely as samizdat within the Soviet Union although they were not formally published until after the fall of the Communist regime.

He was also one of the first American Eastern Orthodox Christians to translate major works of several church fathers into English. Although most of Rose's works were widely received within the Orthodox community, a few raised controversy. The most notable of these was *The Soul After Death* which describes certain "aerial toll houses" described by various Church Fathers and saints. *Father Seraphim Rose: His Life and Works* to this teaching, every human soul must pass through a series of these stations after death as part of their initial judgment by God where they will be accused of specific sins and possibly condemned to hell.

Some modern Orthodox theologians, including Archbishop Lazar Puhalo, Stanley Harakas and Alexandros Kalomiros among others, have claimed that certain ideas in Rose's book are heretical and that many of the Church Fathers have been misinterpreted or misquoted to support it.

A recent publication called, *The Departure of the Soul*, published by St. Though continuing to vehemently oppose Rose's teaching on this subject, Puhalo indicated that he considered Rose to be a "true ascetic", and that he respected the sincerity of Seraphim's monastic life and intentions. He had a great ascetic life.

He had enormous struggles, enormous inner struggles, and he struggled with them in really great asceticism. It really was a great ascetic struggle, and there should be a reverence and a respect for that. And that is a great virtue and a great reason to have a certain reverence for Father Seraphim. Another question concerned whether the Moscow Patriarchate *Father Seraphim Rose: His Life and Works*, that portion of the Russian Orthodox Church within Soviet Russia, still possessed "grace".

Although some Orthodox Christians asserted that the so-called "red" church had forfeited legitimacy by cooperating with the communist government, Rose disagreed.

While wholeheartedly disapproving of the close relations between the Moscow church and the country's communist masters, Rose insisted that it was still legitimate and possessed of valid sacraments. Rose also waded into the ongoing debate between Biblical creationism and evolution asserting in *Genesis, Creation and Early Man* that Orthodox patristics exclusively supported the creationist viewpoint.

This idea was vehemently attacked by other Orthodox theologians, who asserted that while man's existence is not accidental by any means, there is no official church doctrine as to the precise process God used in creation, *Father Seraphim Rose: His Life and Works* the length of time that it might have required. Theophan the Recluse St.

John of Kronstadt St. Justin Popovich *Father Seraphim Rose: His Life and Works*. Paisios and Elder Sophrony. After feeling acute pains for several days while working in his cell in Augusta reluctant Rose was taken by fellow monks to Mercy Medical Center in Redding for treatment.

When he arrived at the hospital he was declared to be in critical condition and fell into semi-consciousness. After exploratory surgery was completed, it was discovered that a blood clot had blocked a vein supplying blood to his intestines which had become a mass of dead tissue.

He slipped into a coma after a second surgery, never *Father Seraphim Rose: His Life and Works* consciousness. Hundreds of people visited the hospital and celebrated the Divine Liturgy regularly in its chapel, praying for a miracle to save Rose's life.

Prayers were offered for the ailing hieromonk from places as far away as Mt. Athos Greece the spiritual heart of Orthodox monasticism. Rose died on September 2, Rose's body lay in repose for several days in a simple wooden coffin at his wilderness monastery. Visitors claimed that Rose's body did not succumb to decay and rigor mortis remaining supple and even allegedly smelling of roses.

Several reputed miraculous events, healings and apparitions of Rose have been reported around the world, commencing soon after his death. His grave at St. Herman's monastery has become a popular site for pilgrimages.

The St. While all of the brothers are currently American, many speak Russian. Their primary emphasis continues to be the printing of books, which has been the major activity of the brotherhood since its inception. In addition, the monastery has assisted with the guardianship and education of local youths with behavioral or learning problems, which has earned Rose's brotherhood significant respect among the locals.

Visitors come to the *Father Seraphim Rose: His Life and Works* year-round but especially on September 2, the anniversary of Rose's death. From Wikipedia, the free encyclopedia. American Orthodox writer and saint. Gregory Palamas. Influences and precursors. Similar positions. Formal

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Fr. Seraphim Rose: His Life and Works

Quoting at length from his letters, journals, manuscripts, Father Seraphim Rose: His Life and Works lectures and published writings, this book traces Fr. Seraphim's intense search for truth and his philosophical development, setting forth his message and offering a glimpse into the soul of a man who lived, even while on this earth, in the otherworldly Kingdom of God. Seraphim incorporates years of new research and includes much additional material.

Because it deals closely with events in the recent history of Orthodoxy in America, the book has Father Seraphim Rose: His Life and Works reviewed prior to publication by clergy, monastics and laypeople from most of the Orthodox jurisdictions represented in this country. New edition includes: 1. New, previously unpublished material by Fr.

New reminiscences by those who knew Fr. Expanded and updated bibliography and source notes. Goodreads helps you keep track of books you want to read. Want to Read saving... Want to Read Currently Reading Read. Other editions. Enlarge cover. Error rating book. Refresh and try again. Open Preview See a Problem? Details if other .:

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This biography read like a "page-turner novel. But most importantly, it is the story of a man's passionate and desperate search for Christ.

It is the excitement of a philosopher who spends his life for "truth" only to find Truth as Father Seraphim Rose: His Life and Works Person.

Truth as a Person Fr Seraphim, not unlike St Augustine, was philosophically-minded and spent much of his youth vainly looking for "truth. After Father Seraphim Rose: His Life and Works bouts of anger and depression and binge-alcoholic drinking, he was to discover that Truth is "traditioned" and communities that had continuity with ancient traditions were more valid than more modern expressions of truth After his conversion to Russian Orthodoxy, Rose began to analyze the modern world.

He followed Father Seraphim Rose: His Life and Works trajectory of nihilism as the negation of truth ff. Nihilism in the modern age was to prepare man for the reign of Antichrist and the arrival of the New World Order. Rose outlined four stages of nihilism: liberalism, realism, vitalism, and Nihilism The religion of Antichrist For Rose, Antichrist was an "ape of Christ.

He will appear "good" to the world and solve the problems of the world His religion will be a "demonic pentecost. There will be a frightening unity behind the disparate world religions. He noticed a common theme behind various religious phenomena: Charismatic Christianity centered on pagan forms of initiation; the ecumenical movement seeks to outdo each other in abandoning all forms of Christianity for the sake of "unity.

They are clearly something of the parapsychical and Father Seraphim Rose: His Life and Works realm. The aliens seem to be a strange mingling of physis and psychic matter--just like demons. The matter in them is of such subtlety it cannot be perceived except by saints.

The message of the UFOs is Father Seraphim Rose: His Life and Works prepare for the reign of Antichrist. St Ignatius Brianchaninov said that the miracles of Antichrist will be in the aerial realm, where Satan has chief dominion. They are the links between ancient texts and today's reality. The fathers are the most capable preservers of the Truth because of the sanctity of their lives. Rose learned that he had to "acquire their mind--" he had to learn, think, and feel the way they did.

He had to conform his consciousness to that of the Fathers. Acquiring the mind of the fathers is to acquire the mind of the church, which is the mind of Christ, who is the head of the Church. How do we acquire their minds? Constancy: Rose worked out a spiritual regimen based on wisdom from the Holy Fathers. Regular reading of the fathers! 2. Pain of Heart. The return of a Tsarist and pious leader is the half-hour silence in heaven spoken of in the Apocalypse, immediately before the reign of Antichrist.

Rose saw Russia as a "blood-covered martyric land. The patricidal murder of the Tsar is a sign we are living in pre-Antichrist times This idea can be connected with the horror of the 20th century, the rise of globalist institutions, global credit, and secular ideologies.

Of particular interest here are the prophecies of St Seraphim of Sarov, who gave four prophecies pertaining to the resurrection of Holy Russia he spoke in the 19th century three of which have already happened. Fr Seraphim's message to us: It is later than you think. We live in an Father Seraphim Rose: His Life and Works where secular leaders openly call for world governance based on the bloody ideologies of the 20th century.

While many ages think they are in the last generation, and Fr Seraphim would not want us wasting time predicting "times," the New Testament does call for us to be awake and alert. When the leaders of countries call for a one-world government and one-world market, and when we take note of the "demonic pentecost" spoken above we can't pretend we are "just living in normal times."

In any case, Hieromonk Damascene did a wonderful job in writing this book. View 1 comment. Jul 29, Mimi rated Father Seraphim Rose: His Life and Works really liked it Shelves: 4-and-a-half-stars read-along-not-hosted-by-me read An epic biography indeed, and one well worth reading, mulling over, rereading, and contemplating often.

The thing that keeps me from giving it five stars Father Seraphim Rose: His Life and Works that sometimes the story veers into the more minute details of a theological point, and I found myself skimming those. My dear friend, who loaned me the book, and her family were Godchildren of Father Seraphim, and are mentioned in the book, so that was delightful to have that personal connection.

Jun 30, John Simmons rated it it was amazing. This book changed my life and is the most important book I have ever read. The first edition changed my life. By the time the second edition was being prepared, the author had become my Godfather and friend, and I proofread parts of it, arguing for certain bits to be left in.

It looks daunting, but there are many photos and it is an easy read. I consider this an essential sourcebook. Mar 18, David Di Giacomo rated it really liked it Shelves: orthodox-saints. This is a massive book, and I would say a must-read. I will not give it 5 stars because I Father Seraphim Rose: His Life and Works the book suffers in the second half from an overbearing desire to avoid controversy. So what happens is that in the first half we get a good narrative on Fr.

Seraphim's life and influences, his conversion and the formation of the St. But then the narrative disappears and we get chapter after chapter which are essentially in-depth essays on this or that aspect of his thoughts and works. They are interesting, but the author does not return to the narrative until basically the events leading up to Fr.

Seraphim's death. The reason for this is well-known: things were not well with the Brotherhood in the last years of his life, due to the actions of Fr. Herman, and went completely off the rails after Fr.